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Applicant(s): Masakatsu Masaki

Group Art Unit: 1734

Serial No.: 09/982,035

Examiner: Koch, George R.

Filed: October 17, 2001

For: WORKPIECE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS

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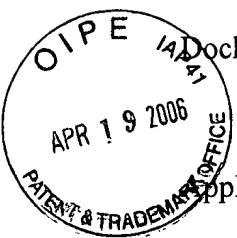
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AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

☐ The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Covered by Previous Payments	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims*	33	47		\$50.00/ \$25.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	5	5		\$200.00/ \$100.00	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	(If claims added by amendment include Multiple Dependent Claim(s) and there was no Multiple Dependent Claim(s) in application before amendment add \$360.00 to additional fee (\$180.00 for small entity).				\$
TOTAL					\$ 0.00

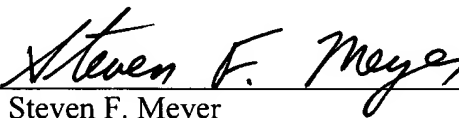
*Includes all independent and single dependent claims and all claims referred to in multiple dependent claims. See 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c).

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- ☐ Charge fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. _____. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this amendment, including all fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17 for its timely consideration, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 5000-4963. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 20, 2006, for which a shortened statutory period for response was set at three (3) months, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

There are no **Amendments** to the Claims. However, for the convenience of the Examiner, a listing of the claims is provided on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.